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Re: Northern Region Winter Trail  
Marking-Project No. 61885  
Special Use Permit Request

Mr. Mike Spindler  
Director  
Koyukuk National Wildlife Refuge  
P.O. Box 287  
Galena, Alaska 99741  
Attention: Greg McClellan  
Department Refuge Manager

Dear Mr. Spindler:

The Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities is requesting a Special Use Permit for trail markers we plan to install in areas that will include the Koyukuk National Wildlife Refuge.

Safety of winter trails will be improved by installing high-visibility trail markers along approximately 185 miles every 200 to 500 feet, depending on terrain. The marked trails would link five communities along a historical winter trail stretching from Kaltag to Galena (Figures 1 and 2). Residents familiar with the historical route would determine the distance between markers. Installation would occur during winter. Material would be hauled to each marked location using a snowmachine and sled. The trail markers used to mark overland miles would be built out of two to three-inch diameter, untreated, round stock wood with tapered ends tied together with stainless wire and stapled to each leg (Figure 3). Tripods would be freestanding.

Any information you can provide will be helpful in the process. If you have any questions, please contact Kerri Martin, Environmental Analyst, at (907) 451-5289 or email [kerri\\_martin@dot.state.ak.us](mailto:kerri_martin@dot.state.ak.us).

Sincerely,

*Patricia L. Wightman*  
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Environmental Coordinator

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Enclosures

cc: Bill Townsend, P.E., Design Engineering Mgr., DOT&amp;PF, Northern Region

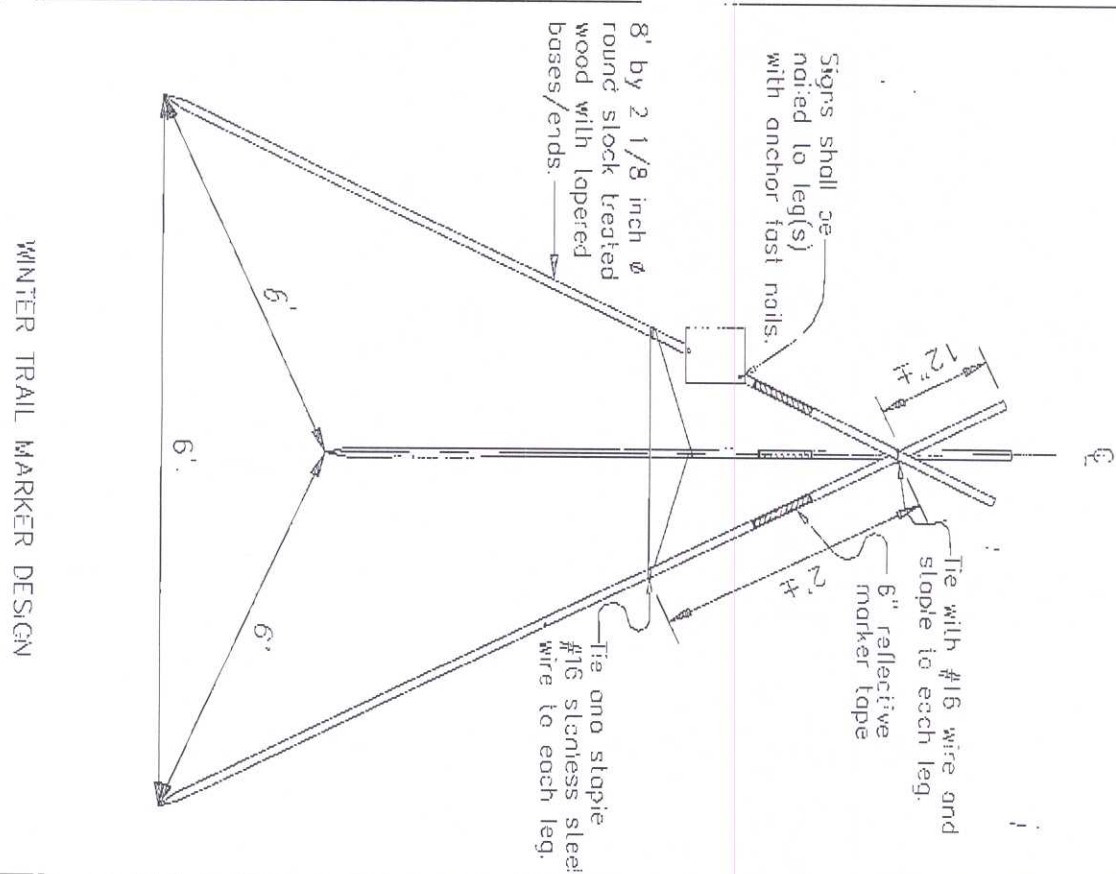


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